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In re Application of: )  
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Valerie BAUBET et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1632  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph 1, on page 2, of the specification with the following  
paragraph:

[001] This application is based on and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional  
Application Nos. 60/208,314, filed June 1, 2000 (Attorney Docket No. 03495.6051),  
60/210,526, filed June 9, 2000 (Attorney Docket No. 03495.6052), and 60/255,111, filed  
December 14, 2000 (Attorney Docket No. 03495.6059). The entire disclosure of each  
of these applications is relied upon and incorporated by reference herein.

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